

Excel into EXCELS

Professional Development Resources that Support Maryland EXCELS

Professional development opportunities are open to all child care providers.

Maryland EXCELS Saturday Support Sessions

This is an excellent opportunity if you need assistance registering, uploading, or meeting various indicators.

Sessions will be held on Saturday,

July 12th and August 9th from 8:30 - 10:30 am at
3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 360, Ellicott City, MD.

Introduction to Maryland EXCELS

Weds., Sept. 17 / 6:30 - 9:30 pm (\$23) - this overview of the Maryland EXCELS program will introduce providers to the application and participation process and requirements.

Professional Development

Introduction to the Maryland Credential – Wed., August 20 / 6:30 – 8:30 pm (\$15) - Learn about the many benefits of the Maryland Credential program – bonus money, training incentives, and scholarships.

Accreditation

MSDE Accreditation Orientation – Weds., Sept. 3 / 1:00 – 3:00 pm - This accreditation process is for Child Care Centers and Nursery Schools. This workshop will give an overview of the early childhood accreditation and validation process. Additional support is offered through the Steps to MSDE Accreditation Support Group.

Assessment

Introduction to Healthy Beginnings – Wed. Sept. 3 & 10 / 6:30 – 9:30 pm (\$40) - Get to know Healthy Beginnings and how to use it as a child development tool, and to plan a program for infants/toddlers.

Supporting Staff

Communication Strategies: Making the Connection – Tues., July 22 / 6:30 – 9:30 pm (\$23) - Learn to create an atmosphere of positive communication with children, coworkers, and families and learn strategies to help avoid misunderstandings.

Curriculum Planning

Setting the Stage: Assessment in Early Education and Care

(formerly Maryland Model for School Readiness—the name change goes into effect July 1, 2014. There are no changes to content so all MMSR 2013 certificates are still current and valid.)

Saturdays / 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

(\$200) / Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8, 22 - This newly revised 30-hour series better reflects the child care providers, children, and families of today's early care and education communities. Using real-life scenarios, providers learn how to analyze family situations, distinguish between observations and judgments, and apply new information to develop a plan for responsive child care.

Developmentally Appropriate Practices – Wed. July 16 / 6:30 – 9:30 pm (\$23) - Learn how to use DAP principles to enhance your interactions with children of all ages and to promote learning and development.

Rating Scales

Introduction to Environment Rating Scales – Wed., June 25 or Weds., Sept. 23 / 6:30 – 9:30 pm (\$23) - Take an in-depth look at Environment Rating Scale assessment tools for child care program environments. Develop an understanding of the standards, indicators and terms used in these scales. This will assist you in doing a self-assessment of your program.

Family Involvement & Community

October, November, December training calendar

Topics to be covered:

- Accreditation
- Assessment
- Community
- Curriculum Planning
- Introduction to Maryland EXCELS
- Professional Development
- Rating Scales
- Supporting Staff

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All class sessions will be held in the OCS Training Room: 3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 360 Ellicott City, MD 21043



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